Says the Spoils System Helps to Prevent Women

Earning a Decent Living

Politics Bars Non-Voting Sex From Government Offices, Mrs. Nathan Declares, and Leads to Overcrowding in Other Lines of Work.

Civil Service a Farce Since Man Is Given the Preference Regardless of Ability in Filling Places in Public Offices.

That national, State and municipal governments, through their disinclination to throw open their thousands of ingly impossible for women to obtain a decent living wage in decent occupations the aggertion of Mrs. Frederick W. Nathan, President and founder of the Consumers' League of New York.

Since the object of the league is primarily to study and, wherever possible to ameliorate the condition of working onen. Mrs. Nathan is beyond question qualified to voice any ideas on that con-Yesterday I asked her to explain more fully her most recent "volcing." when she declared before a Philadelphia club that women could never be economleally safe until they were politically

"It simply amounts to this," she began firmly, "that the greatest business in the United States is practically closed to women. The Government gives the job to the man whose vote susports it. If the civil service laws interfere some at least he is a power and therefore worth an attempt at conversion. There is no such thing as genuine civil service. reform. It is invariably a case of to

How It Affects Salaries.

"With governmental service barred to them, women are forced to crowd in ever-increasing numbers into the com-paratively small private trades and po-sitions open to them. The result is more obvious every day. The over supply cuts down salaries below a living wage. The join that trade which leads to the gutter and the morgue. It is the Government of the United States that is re-

OF MANSLAUGHTER;

JURY ASKS MERCY

Anderson, Who Killed Hus-

band's Half Brother.

Mrs. Jeanette Anderson was found

guilty of manshaughter in the first de-

kins to-day. With the verdict was a

Mrs. Anderson was tried for the mur-

James Wilson, a longshoreman, in he

boarding house at No. 22 Hubert street

son stabbed Wilson in defense of her

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Mrs. Nathan's fine brown eyes that are always such a delightful contrast to ler softly waving, warm white pompa-Cour, were very, very indignant eyes just now. But as she paused I ventured the remark that the examinations for a Surprise in Verdict Against Mrs. great many civil service positions were apparently open to women as well as

Women may take the examinations," she admitted, "but they may not take the positions. Believe me, there's a difference. Do you know of the arrangeat Washington? Two separate lists of eligibles are kept, one for the women, one for the men. The heads of gree by a jury in the Criminal Branch of departments are required only to choose | the Supreme Court before Justice Tompthe highest rated on either list.

usually it is the men who are recommendation that the justice extend chosen, though the women may have every possible consideration of mercy igned the better examinations. A to the woman in sentencing her. She at official said publicly the other was remanded to the Tombs for senmay that politicians had to reward their enstituents-men-and that the women could not be considered, since they der of her husband's half brother, political nonenities,

Queted to Give Man a Job. I myself knew of a case right here July 2 land.

in New York where a post-office posttion was desired by some politician to principal witness against her at the eward one of his followers. The woman trial. After he had given his evidence held the job had done excellent the District Attorney asked that the work for many years. She was asked charge of murder in the first degree be to resign. She refused. Then she was dropped from the indictment on the dismissed, turned out to starve, without even a formal charge against her. that the woman stabled Wilson when simply to make room for the man who under great excitement after a quarrel ad asked for the place.

"As head of the league I did my utThe verdict was a great surprise in had asked for the place.

most some years ago to secure the ap- the court room, where accountal was pointment of Mrs. Piorence Kelley as booked for. The hellef was general that actory inspector for this State. She the jury would find that Mrs. Anderwas thoroughly prepared for the posttion, absolutely incorruptible, and had even had several years' experience as an inspector in another State. The Governor refused to consider her, because his constituents expected him to appoint a man.' And the musculine appointee was so little fitted for his work that he had to go to Massachusetts to take lessons of the factory inspector

The New York Tenement House The New York Tenement House Commission has absolutely refused to employ any more women inspectors, went though the fine young college women who have held these positions in the past did such good work that they were continually being promoted. Non they are even turning the women stenographers out of the government offices at Washington."

"Do you claim that the women are better fitted than men to fill civic positions?"

"There are more efficient, honest women than men who would fill such positions if they were given a fair chance," she amended. "Our best men are too apt to feel themselves too busy to serve the State. Our best women would gladly make the State's business their own.

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"Then I think women would be better than men in all positions where humanity is of more importance than cold-blooded commercial ability. As inspectors of tenements and milk-farme and factories and indeed any institution touching child-life, women would certainly do better, more sympathetic work than most men."

"But women, it is asserted, are less honest than men; perhaps they'd be worse grafters," I reminded.

"There are probably as many dishonest men as there are distincted women," she replied calmly. "And one thing is true of the honest women, They are not sufficiently broadminded for a double standard of honesty, one for personal, the other for civic use. To them a thing is right or it is wrong, irrespective of whether the avent of action is their sitting-room at home or their office in a government me or their office in a government It is only the marvellous



Fire Spreads to Another Floor as Men Work and Force Meial Doors.

building formerly occupied by the Met sopolitan Insurance Company, Nos. 52 and M Park place. It started in the office of the Combination Ladder and

alarm at 7 P. M.; the fire was under control at II P. M., and Deputy Chief The confoundest, querest blaze

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nside the compartments.

basement the building was dreached with water which did considerable

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